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To: Police Committee

From: Chief Robert Hatcher

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Ref: Written Reprimand Officer Valiant

Members,

My duties as Chief of Police include reviewing all body camera videos as needed along with in car videos. During the week of the 16th of September, it came to my attention of speeding violations committed by Officer Valiant. Officer Valiant had been allowed by decision by the committee to drive his vehicle home. In the above mentioned violation, I did not stop and record the date of the video. The department had been having technical problems with in car cameras dumping to the cloud based service. Officer Valiant does make more traffic stops than other officers, which would account for more videos. However there was a substantial amount of videos from Officer Valiant than the other officers.

The video observed was on July 20, 2024 at approx.: 1716 hours. The location of this video was on Illinois route 1 starting at the Bonpas Bridge at the Edwards/Wabash County lines. In this video the speed of Officer Valiants squad car was again recorded in the in car dash cam. Speeds up to 78 mph were recorded in a 55 mph zone. Upon entering the settlement of Calvin, Il. It is clearly posted a 40mph restricted zone. It is observed Officer Valiant maintaining a speed of 71 mph in the restricted zone.

On the 24th of September, I spoke with Officer Valiant in regards to this video and speeding violation. Officer Valiant after some discussion informed me that he had been in a hurry on Saturday the 20th of July and admitted to the Policy Violation.

After reviewing this video, it has been determined that Officer Valiant has violated Grayville Police Department Policy:

321.5.10f: Unsafe or improper driving habits in the course of employment or appointment.

It is recommended that at a minimum Officer Valiant receive this Written reprimand and in addition to that. Officer Valiant no longer be allowed to commute to and from the City of Grayville in his official vehicle.

Respectfully,

Chief Robert Hatcher